

IN THE DRAWINGS

I. FIG. 1

Please amend FIG. 1 to include the reference numeral 100 referring to the illustrated server system. Additionally, please amend FIG. 1 to include the legend "(PRIOR ART)".

II. FIG. 6

Please amend FIG. 6 to include the reference numeral 600 referring to the illustrated method.

REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are directed to non-statutory subject matter under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §101, anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 or made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of the presented claims are in condition for allowance.

I. OATH/DECLARATION

The Examiner submits that the oath/declaration filed with the application is defective for allegedly not including the signature of inventor Bowei Xi. In response, the Applicants submit herewith a copy of the original oath/declaration, having the signature of Bowei Xi. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the original oath/declaration is not defective.

II. OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner objects to the drawings for allegedly failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). In response, the Applicants have amended the drawings in order to more clearly illustrate the present invention.

In particular, FIG. 1 has been amended to include the reference numeral 100 referring to the illustrated server system. Additionally, FIG. 1 has been amended to include the legend "(PRIOR ART)". FIG. 6 has also been amended to include the reference numeral 600 referring to the illustrated method.

Replacement sheets for FIGS. 1 and 6 are included herewith. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully

submit that the rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is moot.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-5, 10-11, 13, 19-24, 29-30, 32 AND 38-40 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejects claims 1-5, 10-11, 13, 19-24, 29-30, 32 and 38-40 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by the Doris patent application (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20050203879, published September 15, 2005 hereinafter referred to as "Doris"). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-5, 10-11, 13, 19-24, 29-30, 32 and 38-40 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1-5, 10-11, 13, 19-24, 29-30, 32 and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is moot.

V. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 6-9, 12, 25-28 AND 31 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejects claims 6-9, 12, 25-28 and 31 as being made obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) by Doris in view of the McKay article ("A Comparison of Three Methods for Selecting Values of Input Variables in the Analysis of Output from a Computer Code", published May 1979 hereinafter referred to as "McKay"). The Applicants further note that the rejection refers to two other references simply designated as "Beckman" and "Conover". However, there does not appear to be either a "Beckman" or a "Conover" reference listed on the Examiner's list of references cited, nor does the rejection give a patent number, publication number, or any other sort of identifying information for these references. Moreover, the "Beckman" and "Conover" references are not referred to in the subsequent explanation of the rejection.

Nevertheless, the Applicants have cancelled claims 6-9, 12, 25-28 and 31 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 6-9, 12, 25-28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot.

VI. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the comments regarding the allowability of claims 33-37, if rewritten into independent form including all of the

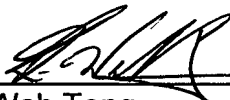
limitations of the base and intervening claims. In response, the Applicants have presented new claims 41-45, which present claims 33-37 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims. In addition, the Applicants have presented new claims 46-50, which present a method substantially corresponding to the computer readable medium recited in new claims 41-45. New claim 51 presents an apparatus substantially corresponding to the computer readable medium recited in new claim 41. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presented claims are now in allowable form.

VII. CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of the presented claims fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101, 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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